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Area 9
Dallas County

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Theta Alpha Chapter
Meeting Dates
2016 - 2017

August 20, 2016
September 17, 2016
October 15, 2016
November 19, 2016
December 10, 2016
January 21, 2017
February 18, 2017
March 18, 2017
April 22, 2017
May 20, 2017

Message from the President

Wow, where has the summer gone? I hope everyone is rested and ready for school to begin or any other plans you may have for the fall.

In May we had Founder's Day, the installation of officers and the achievement award given to Kendall Hasse.

In June, 19 members attended the state convention in Frisco where we helped in various capacities with convention duties. Hope you enjoy the pictures. Joining me in attendance were Patti Belknap, Marilyn Bishop, Susie Branch, Michelle Grandinetti, Beverly Hagood, Kendall Hasse, Carolyn Johnson, Ruth Kaun, Catie King, Baudelia Luna, Dianne McCorcle, Sarah McMurrrough, Kathy Nichols, Janet Roark, Linda Robards, Elizabeth Paletz, Dianna Stouffer, and Leslie Valentincic. We watched with pride and amazement as Patti and Michelle presided over meetings and breakout sessions. They represented us well and were very busy! Theta Alpha received five awards: Pace, Annie, Tudor Rose, 5 Star Newsletter, and for the Exemplary Yearbook. Congratulations to everyone for all your hard work!

July took Patti, Michelle, Baudelia, and Dianne to Nashville for the International convention. My hope is they will share convention highlights in an upcoming meeting.

Now, it is August and time for our first meeting of 2016-2017. We will meet in the Arcadia Park meeting room with the meeting starting at our normal time, 10:00A.M. I would like to try a new idea and if you like it we will continue with it. Please come early for light refreshments and visiting as I plan to start promptly at 10:00. This will be a planning meeting where we will go over ideas for the coming year and approve the budget. The area workshop is Sept. 17th and I am hoping we can carpool to Ennis. We will decide this at our meeting and have the list of those who signed up in May along with more information about the workshop.

I've read that in life you realize there is a role for everyone you meet. Some will test you and some will teach you. But the ones who are truly important are the ones who bring out the best in you. They are rare and amazing people who remind you why it is worth it. So, with that in mind and with your help and support I'll do my best as your president. I am excited to see everyone at this meeting! See you at 9:30.

Mary Myers,
President

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August Meeting Details

Happy August Everyone! Summer break is ending and school is getting ready to begin. Leslie and I are grateful to everyone who provided feedback regarding programs and projects for this year whether through the survey, emails, or during conversation with you. We hope that your advice and recommendations have helped us plan a year full of enjoyable, informative, and relevant programs.

I hope to see you 10:00 August 20th at Arcadia Park Library for our first meeting where we will discuss chapter business, the programs and project, and give out a few door prizes. On the 2016-2017 Program Schedule you will see "Recipes" for each month, these are a part of our project for this year and can be brought with you to the meeting written on a 4x6 index card or can be done during the meeting (I will have some index cards available).

For August please bring or be prepared to share your recipe for a good first week of school and/or a recipe for staying organized.

Meeting Information

- Date:** August 20th
- Time:** 10:00 a.m.
- Location:** Arcadia Park Library
- Inspiration:** Sandra K.
- Hostesses:** Gamma Family

(Marilyn Bishop, Susie Branch, Carolyn Johnson, Dianna Stouffer, & Linda Robards)

What to bring: Recipe for staying organized, or recipe for good first week

Catie King,
Co-First Vice President

Birthdays

July

15 - Nichole Nichols

August

16 - Carolyn Johnson
29 - Melissa Hamilton



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Dues

I would like to introduce myself as your new co-treasurer with Marilyn Bishop for the 2016-2017 biennium. One of my responsibilities as your co-treasurer is to collect your membership dues. The dues for this year will be the same as last year and we still have choices!

First Choice: Pay your dues in August the amount is \$90. If need, payment can be divided into two months, August and September for \$45 each month

Second Choice: If you wait until September, dues will be \$100.

Third Choice: If you wait until October dues will be \$110 and must be submitted before October 15th, 2016. Also, if you forget to write your \$45 check in September, you will now need to write it for \$65 (\$45 + \$65 = \$110).

So, it is best to pay your dues at our first meeting for 2016-2017, August 20, 2016 at Arcadia Park Library. You will save \$20!

I am looking forward to serving as your co-treasurer for 2016-2017. Thank you for the confidence and trust you have placed in my hands.

Baudelia Luna,
Co-Treasurer with Marilyn Bishop

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Convention Fun!





Delta Kappa Gamma Theta Alpha Chapter Minutes January 16, 2016

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – Theta Alpha Chapter was called to order by Leslie Valentincic, Chapter Co-1st Vice President, at 10:25 am Saturday, May 21st, 2016 in Downtown Dallas at First Presbyterian Church. A quorum was reached with 19 members in attendance.

Baudelia Luna led the inspiration with one part from *The Rhythm of Life* by Matthew Kelly speaking about peace and focus. From Dianne McCorkle, Theta Alpha President, if you would like to contribute money or check to the new chapter, Nu Delta, they would greatly appreciate any contributions. Please give Michelle Grandinetti, past Area 9 Coordinator, the contributions. Michelle also read a correspondence from the principal at Shields Elementary in Red Oak ISD who thanked our chapter for donating money to them after the tornados caused destruction to their school. The principal also thanked Michelle for donating her time and help to the school.

Marilyn Bishop, Co-Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report stating we have approximately \$725 in our bank account with \$1275 for upcoming donations for our charities.

Patti Belknap, Parliamentarian, gave the Chapter Achievement Award to Kendall Hasse, Recording Secretary. The Membership Committee recognized Ruth Kaun, 2nd Vice President, for her 40 years of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma. Perfect Attendance was recognized and beautiful certificates were awarded. The Founders' Day Celebration program reminded members of the outstanding leadership on which Delta Kappa Gamma was founded and roses were placed for each founding member in a vase to give to our new Theta Alpha President, Mary Myers.

Our new officers for 2016-2018 are: Mary Myers, Theta Alpha President, Co-1st Vice Presidents, Catie King and Leslie Valentincic, Co-2nd Vice Presidents, Kristi John and Kendall Hasse, Recording Secretary, Sandra King, Corresponding Secretary, Babs Arnswald, Co-Treasurers, Marilyn Bishop and Baudalia Luna, and Parliamentarian, Patti Belknap. Marilyn Bishop pinned Mary Myers with her mother's, Juanita Gage's, President's pin, who was a charter

member of Theta Alpha making the installation of officers a very special event.

Important to sign up for: The Area Workshop on September 17th in Ennis at Ennis High School from about 8:30 am -12:00 pm. \$12 is due June 1st, so members paid at the meeting. Attendance is important, plus it is a fun day of learning and meeting fascinating DKG members from around our Area 9.

Upcoming dates to remember: Make reservations at the Embassy Suites hotel for the DKG State Conference in Frisco this year or at the overflow hotels: the Hyatt House and Hilton Garden Inn and sign up for the DKG State Convention – June 23-25th. The convention website is: <http://dkgtexas2016convention.weebly.com>.

Beverly Hagood asked for volunteers to help on Thursday afternoon of the State Convention June 23rd in Frisco 12 pm - 4 p.m. for the leadership development for chapter presidents. On Friday, from 10 am - when we finish, volunteers are needed for the Birthday Luncheon to fix up the centerpieces for the tables. We are helping Darlene Belmear. Michelle is personally inviting us Wednesday at 4 pm at the Frisco Convention Center for the state initiation for honorary member Gloria Campos and state honorary member Carla Ranger. Michelle may need a little help after the reception. She will need a few of us to take the vases up to our rooms.

For “Newsbuds” emails – send to Michelle Grandinetti a week and half prior to when you want the email sent. If you want a response, please give her ten days to get this out.

Also, remember tickets are still on sale for the DKG Family Fun Night at the Ballpark Friday, June 24th for the Rough Riders baseball game in Frisco during the State Convention. It's “all you can eat and drink”; the window is still open to buy tickets for \$39.

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 p.m. with singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Respectfully submitted,
Kendall Hasse,
Recording Secretary.

From Your A.C.

WOW! Convention was AWESOME!!!! I hope you had a great time as I did. I knew a lot of what was going on since I was on the Steering Committee but it was so exciting to have tons of ladies there! It was so good to see each of you and to those of you who did not get to come we TRULY MISSED YOU!

I just want to acknowledge all the awards that were racked up by our great area AREA 9!!!! YOU ROCK!

Congrats to the 4 chapters that received the PACE awards. I know we were all sweating bullets. Congrats to ALPHA ALPHA, DELTA OMICRON, ETA ZETA and THETA ALPHA! WHOOP! WHOOP!

Congrats to those of you that grabbed the ANNIE AWARD. DELTA OMICRON, ETA ZETA, GAMMA BETA, IOTA NU, KAPPA UPSILON and THETA ALPHA. This year not everyone received the Annie, so congrats to you all!

Congrats to those chapters that received the TUDOR ROSE AWARD for increasing your membership: ALPHA ALPHA, DELTA OMICRON, DELTA TAU, ETA ETA, KAPPA PHI, KAPPA PSI, KAPPA UPSILON, LAMBDA THETA, LAMBDA UPSILON, THETA ALPHA, and ZETA THETA.

Congrats to the chapters that maintained their total membership : ALPHA TAU, DELTA PI, and EPSILON.

Congrats to the chapters that had Exemplary Yearbooks: ALPHA ALPHA, ALPHA TAU, DELTA OMICRON, DELTA PI, EPSILON, ETA ZETA, ETA ETA, GAMMA BETA, IOTA NU, IOTA OMEGA, KAPPA ZETA, KAPPA PHI, KAPPA PSI, MU MU, MU OMICRON, THETA ALPHA and ZETA THETA.

Congrats to the chapters that received the FIVE STAR NEWSLETTER AWARD: EPSILON, ALPHA ALPHA, DELTA OMICRON, DELTA PI, ETA ETA, ETA ZETA, GAMMA BETA, KAPPA PHI, KAPPA PSI, IOTA OMEGA, MU MU, MU OMICRON, THETA ALPHA and ZETA THETA.

If I missed your chapter please let me know. IS THIS NOT AWESOME! See, you ladies wrote your own symphony and what sweet music we heard!

Thanks so much for ALL YOUR HARD WORK DURING THE YEAR and for ALL THE HARD WORK YOU DID FOR THE CONVENTION! Also, thanks for putting up with me as I came to share in your chapter meetings! I enjoyed everyone!

Thanks so much!
Love you all!
Cathy



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2016-2017 Theta Alpha Program Schedule

<p>August 20 10:00 a.m. Location: Arcadia Park Library Inspiration: Sandra King Program: Business meeting & Plan for Year Technology: flyer about website and facebook Hostesses: Gamma Family (Marilyn Bishop, Susie Branch, Carolyn Johnson, Dianna Stouffer, Linda Robards) Purposes: 1</p>	<p>February (TBD) Location: (not confirmed at this time)</p> <p>Orientation Hostesses:</p>
<p>September 17 Location: Ennis Area 9 Workshop Purposes: 6</p>	<p>February 18 10:00 a.m. Location: Hattie's church Inspiration: Elizabeth Program: Annie Project, Stress Relief; Reflexology- Jonnie Sue (guest speaker) Hostesses: Delta Family (Babs Arnswald, Jasmine Slay, May Shen, Jan Gentry, Joan Huntley) Purposes: 1, 3, & 6</p>
<p>October 15 10:00 a.m. Location: First Presbyterian Church, Dallas Inspiration: Katherine Program: Disabilities & T.H.A.T. presentations Book Talk: Leslie Hostesses: Epsilon Family (Sandra King, Jan Gentry, Michelle Grandinetti, Kathy Nichols, Allison Nichols) Purposes: 6 & 7</p>	<p>March 18 10:00 a.m. Location: (not confirmed at this time) Inspiration: Sarah Program: Technology, Recommitment Ceremony Book Review: Michelle G Technology: (program) Hostesses: Alpha Family (Catie King, Janet Roark, Ann Wyatt, Mary Wright, Hattie Hammer) Purposes: 6</p>
<p>November 19 10:00 a.m. Location: Royal Lane Baptist Church Inspiration: Hattie Program: Julia Crawford Presentation & Auction Technology: photos Hostesses: Everyone (bring a covered dish) Purposes: 2, 5</p>	<p>April 1 Dallas County Coordinating Council Luncheon Marilyn Gregory (speaker) Lakewood Country Club</p> <p>April 9 Location: Marilyn's home Initiation</p>
<p>December 10 10:00 a.m. Location: Patti's home Inspiration: Patti Program: Holiday Brunch Hostesses: Purposes: 1</p>	<p>April 22 11:00 a.m. Location: (not confirmed at this time) Inspiration: Kristi Program: Jeanette Rhyan (guest speaker); 51st Birthday Celebration; birthday boxes for Captain Hope Hostesses: Beta Family (Kendall Hasse, Baudelia Luna, Dianne McCorcle, Beverly Hagood, Michelle Goltzman) Purposes: 1</p>
<p>January 21 10:00 a.m. Location: Arcadia Park Library Inspiration: Michelle G. Program: Global Awareness; Connie Resnick (guest speaker, not confirmed at this time) Book Talk: Katherine Hostesses: Theta Family (Leslie Valentincic, Patti Belknap, Sarah McMurrough, Katherine Reeves, Minthia Nelson) Purposes: 4 & 7</p>	<p>May 20 10:00 a.m. Location: Restaurant then tour State Headquarters (not confirmed at this time) Inspiration: Baudelia Program: Founder's Day Book Talk: Elizabeth Hostesses: Eta Family (Kristi John, Ruth Kaun, Elizabeth Paletz, Melanie Lewis, Melissa Hamilton) Purposes: 1 & 2</p>



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